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QUESTIONNAIRE, 1975 EDITION

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER FROM OECD SECRETARIAT CONCERNING ANNUAL NATIONAL ACCOUNTS QUESTIONNAIRE FOR 1975. MISSION HAS ALREADY FORWARDED COPIES OF QUESTIONNAIRE TO WARREN CLARK (EUR/RPE). PLEASE NOTE NOVEMBER 15, 1975, DEADLINE. TEXT OF LETTER FROM RENE BERTRAND, HEAD OF ECONOMIC STATISTICS AND NATIONAL ACCOUNTS DIVISION, FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT

"THE JOINT OECD/UN NATIONAL ACCOUNTS QUESTIONNAIRE FOR 1975 WAS APPROVED BY THE ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW P COMMITTEE ON 20TH JUNE 1975. THE QUESTIONNAIRE HAS ALREADY BEEN FORWARDED TO YOUR DELEGATION AND CONSISTS OF A SET OF LARGE-SIZE, LOOSE TABLES TO BE FILLED IN AND RETURNED TO THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND A VOLUME OF DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS.

"MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY STATISTICS ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SNA BUT COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET

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ADOPTED THIS SYSTEM MAY REPORT ACCORDING TO THE FORMER SNA.

THE SYSTEM USED SHOULD BE CLEARLY INDICATED ON EACH TABLE
OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

"WE ARE REQUESTING MEMBER COUNTRIES TO RETURN THE COMPLETED
QUESTIONNAIRES BY 15TH NOVEMBER 1975. IN RECENT YEARS A FEW
COUNTRIES HAVE NOT RETURNED THEIR QUESTIONNAIRES AT THE DATE
REQUESTED AND THIS HAS CAUSED DELAYS IN PUBLISHING NATIONAL
ACCOUNTS STATISTICS FOR OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE. AS
YOU WILL APPRECIATE, THE VALUE OF NATIONAL ACCOUNTS DEPENDS TO A
CONSIDERABLE EXTENT ON THE RAPIDITY WITH WHICH THEY BECOME
AVAILABLE, AND WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD EMPHASIZE TO
THE RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES IN YOUR COUNTRY THE
IMPORTANCE THAT WE AND THE UNITED NATIONS ATTACH TO PROMPT
RESPONSE TO THIS QUESTIONNAIRE. YOU COULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT
THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO COUNTRIES SUBMITTING PROVISIONAL DATA
IN ORDER TO MEET THE NOVEMBER DEADLINE SINCE THEY CAN SEND REVISED
DATA LATER IN THE YEAR OR WHEN THEY RETURN NEXT YEAR'S
QUESTIONNAIRES." END TEXT

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